

--13. A data output control apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said communications charge is calculated as a fixed charge until the communications time of said portable terminal exceeds a predetermined time,

characterized in that until the sum of a communications time in accordance with said service charge and the actual communications time of said portable terminal exceeds said predetermined time, said billing means does not add said service charge to said communications charge while adding the communications time in accordance with said service charge to said actual communications time.--

--14. A data output control apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said communications charge is calculated as a fixed charge until the communications time of said portable terminal exceeds a predetermined time,

characterized in that until the sum of a communications time in accordance with said service charge and the actual communications time of said portable terminal exceeds said predetermined time, said billing means does not add said service charge to said communications charge while adding the communications time in accordance with said service charge to said actual communications time.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 14 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3-4 and 7-8 are amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 9-14 are added to compensate for the material deleted from claims 3-4 and 7-8. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claims 9-14 are added.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3. (Amended) A data output control apparatus according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 and 2, characterized in that said output means outputs billing data, indicating the result of billing by said billing means, to said portable terminal.

4. (Amended) A data output control apparatus according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 to 3, wherein said communications charge is calculated as a fixed charge until the communications time of said portable terminal exceeds a predetermined time,

characterized in that until the sum of a communications time in accordance with said service charge and the actual communications time of said portable terminal exceeds said predetermined time, said billing means does not add said service charge to said communications charge while adding the communications time in accordance with said service charge to said actual communications time.

7. (Amended) A data output control apparatus according to ~~one of~~ Claims 5 and 6, characterized in that said output means outputs billing data, indicating the result of billing by said billing means, to said portable terminal.

8. (Amended) A data output control apparatus according to ~~one of~~ Claims 5 to 7, wherein said communications charge is calculated as a fixed charge until the communications time of said portable terminal exceeds a predetermined time,

characterized in that until the sum of a communications time in accordance with said service charge and the actual communications time of said portable terminal exceeds said predetermined time, said billing means does not add said service charge to said communications charge while adding the communications time in accordance with said service charge to said actual communications time.

